

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An electric power steering apparatus, comprising:  
an electric motor for steering assistance;  
a worm shaft on which a worm is disposed;  
a steering shaft, configured to engage a steering wheel, on which a worm wheel is  
disposed and to which a rotary motion of said electric motor is transmitted through said worm  
shaft;  
a biasing member biasing, via a bearing, said worm shaft toward said worm wheel;  
a concave member accepting said bearing; and  
a housing for housing said bearing and said concave member, wherein the biasing member is  
movably acceptable only toward the concave member. ~~The electric power steering apparatus of~~  
~~claim 7, wherein and~~ the bearing may be deflected into the concave member.

11. - 14. (Cancelled)